

IRTS Radio News Bulletin Sunday June 22nd 2003

Silent Keys

It is with deep regret that we wish to advise you of the death of the following. Alfred Bradshaw, EI9BC passed away recently in Peamount Hospital after being ill for almost ten years. Alf was a very active and committed member of the IRTS for years but his daughter still kept up his membership even though he was ill, as he felt it was like his 'Birth Cert'.

Alf was also very active on the bands and was particularly well known on 28 MHz and I44 MHz. Alf had an aluminium ZL special for 28 MHz operating from his QTH at Maynooth long before anyone thought of making them this way. Alf was an amateur and experimenter in the true spirit of the word and his death will come as very sad news to all who knew him through amateur radio. We extend our deepest sympathy to his wife Eleanor as well as his 4 remaining daughters, sons-in-law, grandchildren and great-grand-children.

Also, Jim Spain EI7BJB died on the 17th of June last at his home at Enfield. Jim was well known in amateur circles particularly in the Dublin, Kildare and Meath areas and will be sadly missed by his friends in the amateur radio community. We extended our deepest sympathy to his wife Pauline his son Jim and his daughters Caroline and Fiona.

Shannon Basin Radio Club

The club held it's Annual General Meeting recently and the following committee were elected: Chairman - Fergus EI6IB, Secretary - EI8IU, Treasurer - Martin EI4IJ and P.R.O. - John EI9HX.

The outgoing committee were thanked for their hard work during the past year and the club looks forward to another active year ahead.

Club membership is drawn from counties Galway, Leitrim, Roscommon, Westmeath and Longford and new members are always very welcome. Meetings are held on the first Wednesday each month at the Royal Hotel in Roscommon Town. Enquiries about the club to Brian EI8IU on 086-8735826.

South Dublin Radio Club

At the South Dublin Radio Club meeting to be held at 8 p.m. on Tuesday July the 1st a sale will take place of the equipment of the late Dr. John Kearns EI8DE. John who died in 1999 was a DXer of note who had a particular interest in Satellite operation. His equipment is all in excellent condition and many items come complete with manuals, etc. The items for sale will all carry realistic price tags and will not be auctioned.

A list of the items available in the sale may be found on the SDR web site www.qsl.net/ei2sdr Additional items may be added to the list before July the 1st.

5MHZ News Experimental GB2RS news broadcasts are to take place on 5 MHz. These will be at 12.30 local time on Sunday lunchtimes. The first transmission will take place on Sunday the 29th of June on 5.405 MHz USB.

The Marconi Radio Club of Newfoundland club station VO1MRC, is due to transmit again as Phase 3 of their propagation experiment between the 20th and 23rd of June next. Operation will be on a number of spot frequencies in the 5 MHz. VO1MRC will also operate a beacon on 5269kHz.

Irishwan

Irishwan, the licence exempt wireless networking group, is having it's second National conference in Limerick on Saturday the 28th of June at The Two Mile Inn on the Ennis Road. As well as talks on wireless computer networking there will also be commercial stands and a bring and buy stall.

Talks planned include building wireless computer links, sharing broadband internet connections and wireless security. There will also be representatives from the Dublin, Wexford, Waterford, Limerick, Cork and Galway Irishwan clubs.

This is an ideal event for those interested in technology and who are looking for a way to get cheaper internet access by using wireless.

Doors open at noon and talks will take place all afternoon until 6 p.m. Entry is 5 Euro and more details are on the Irishwan web site www.irishwan.org

DX News

Chuck, N4BQW is QRV from Wake Island as KH9/N4BQW. He is working mainly

SSB with some CW.

AREN

The AREN NET operates in Cork on the first Tuesday of each month on 145.525 MHz and on 7.043 MHz plus or minus at 2130 hrs local time. Operators who are interested in joining AREN are invited to contact John Ketch, EI2GN at the Irish Radio Transmitters Society.

Items for inclusion in next weeks Radio News should be forwarded Mark Wall EI7IS. He can be contacted on 087-6302026. News can also be submitted via e-mail to news@irts.ie for automatic forwarding to both the radio and printed news services.

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